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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**INDIANAPOLIS MAN SENTENCED AS ARMED CAREER
CRIMINAL FOR POSSESSION OF FIREARM**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that GEORGE R. MUSIC, 45, Indianapolis, was sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment by U.S. District Judge John Daniel Tinder following his guilty plea to possession of a firearm by a person previously convicted of a felony. This prosecution follows an investigation by the Indiana State Police, the Noblesville Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and is part of the PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS initiative.

_____ On January 17, 2005, a Noblesville, Indiana police officer stopped MUSIC for a traffic violation and discovered MUSIC was a suspended driver. During an inventory search of MUSIC' s van, law enforcement officers found four handguns, including a 9 mm with 30 rounds in the magazine.

Based upon information developed during the search, law enforcement officers then sought and obtained a state search warrant the following day for MUSIC' s home on Old State Road 37 in Morgan County, Indiana. As a result of that search, law enforcement officers discovered four shotguns and a rifle in a gun cabinet and more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition. MUSIC was previously convicted of Battery, a Class C Felony, in 1993 in Marion County, Indiana. Because of two additional felony convictions for Robbery and Burglary, MUSIC qualified for sentencing as an Armed Career Criminal. A person sentenced as an Armed Career Criminal is subject to a minimum, mandatory period of imprisonment of 15 years.

According to First Assistant United States Attorney Timothy M. Morrison, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Tinder imposed 5 years supervised release, following MUSIC' s completion of his prison sentence.

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